

it passes Congress, we probably have two years before this would need to be in place, so there certainly is no rush on the last four days of our legislative session and there is a rush for some other legislation. I oppose the suspension of the rules.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I think the suspending of the rules and all of the argument at the late time that Senator Wesely gave, that's all in the eyes of the beholder. That's all it is. I wholly support what Senator Chambers is trying to do because we're going to end up just getting us in the position to act if the federal government acts. That's what we're trying to do and there is nothing wrong with this, it's not that late, it won't take that long. Just let him explain it. You know what the issue is. Let's have a vote and get on with it. So I support with what he is trying to do, wholeheartedly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to support the rule suspension for Senator Chambers and hopefully we will do this so we do have a mechanism in place if the federal regulations do go in place where we can conform with them rapidly and allow for more rapid movement of traffic along Interstate 80.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members, I rise in support of Senator Chambers' motion. Senator Marsh is right that Congress moves in such a slow fashion and the federal monies that are tied to the speed limit won't be affected for at least two years so we ought to be safe. I drive the interstate between Omaha and Lincoln every day and I don't think that safety is an issue because the speed limit that we have in place right now is not adhered to and it's probably abused by close to 85 percent of the people who use the system at this time. I think we're in a different situation now. Gas prices are lower. The interstate was built to run at speeds of 75 miles an hour and I'm even old enough to remember when cars used to go that fast. Yes, John, I am. So I would urge the body to support the motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers, do you wish to speak on the motion?